

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice or disclaimer and replace them with new claims 10-23:

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--10. A composition comprising adenoviral particles, a buffer solution that maintains the pH of said composition between 8.0 and 9.6, and glycerol, wherein said composition does not contain added divalent metal cations or alkali metal cations.

11. The composition according to claim 10, wherein said composition is frozen.

12. The composition according to claim 10, wherein the buffer solution maintains the pH of said composition between 8.4 and 8.8.

13. The composition according to claim 12, wherein the buffer solution maintains the pH of said composition at 8.4.

14. The composition according to claim 10, wherein the buffer solution comprises:  
(a) Tris or lysine and an acid chosen from a strong acid or a weak acid; or (b) Hepes and a strong base.

15. The composition according to claim 14, wherein the buffer solution comprises Tris/HCl, lysine/HCl, Tris/maleic acid, Tris/malic acid, Tris/acetic acid, or Hepes/sodium hydroxide.

16. The composition according to claim 10, further comprising an adjuvant.

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17. The composition according to claim 16, wherein the adjuvant is a polymer, sugar, or alcohol.
18. The composition according to claim 17, wherein the adjuvant is a polymer chosen from a polyethylene glycol, a pluronic, or a polysorbate.
19. The composition according to claim 17, wherein the adjuvant is a sugar chosen from sucrose, dextrose, or mannitol.
20. The composition according to claim 17, wherein the adjuvant is ethanol.
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21. A method of preserving adenoviruses in a composition comprising:  
preparing a purified sample of adenoviral particles; and  
combining said purified sample of adenoviral particles with glycerol and a buffer solution that maintains the pH of the resulting composition between 8.0 and 9.6, wherein said composition does not contain added divalent metal cations or alkali metal cations.
22. The method according to claim 21, further comprising freezing said composition.
23. The method according to claim 22, further comprising thawing said frozen composition.

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